

COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES

Department of Agricultural Commissioner/ Weights and Measures

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Richard K. lizuka Chief Deputy

June 08, 2016

The Honorable Board of Supervisors County of Los Angeles 383 Kenneth Hahn Hall of Administration 500 West Temple Street Los Angeles, California 90012

Dear Supervisors:

ADOPTEDBOARD OF SUPERVISORS

COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES

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LORI GLASGOW EXECUTIVE OFFICER

APPROVAL OF WEED ABATEMENT SERVICE AGREEMENTS WITH THE CITIES OF LA VERNE, SANTA FE SPRINGS AND SOUTH PASADENA (FOURTH AND FIFTH DISTRICTS) (3-VOTES)

SUBJECT

The Department of Agricultural Commissioner/Weights and Measures (ACWM) provides weed abatement services for fire prevention as requested by various cities in Los Angeles County. Approval of the attached agreements will allow ACWM to provide weed abatement services for the Cities of La Verne, Santa Fe Springs and South Pasadena, at no net County cost.

IT IS RECOMMENDED THAT THE BOARD:

- 1. Approve the Weed Abatement Service Agreements with the Cities of La Verne, Santa Fe Springs and South Pasadena for weed abatement services for the period of July 1, 2016, through June 30, 2021.
- 2. Instruct the Chair to sign the Agreements.

PURPOSE/JUSTIFICATION OF RECOMMENDED ACTION

The purpose of the above action will enable ACWM to continue to provide weed abatement services for fire prevention as requested by the Cities of La Verne, Santa Fe Springs and South Pasadena, pursuant to the terms of the County's Weed Abatement Agreement, from July 1, 2016, through June 30, 2021.

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<u>Implementation of Strategic Plan Goals</u>

This action supports all three of the County's Strategic Plan goals:

- Goal 1: Operational Effectiveness/Fiscal Sustainability ACWM recovers its costs for services provided pursuant to the Agreements through assessments on properties included in the program, resulting in negligible operational costs to ACWM and participating cities.
- Goal 2: Community Support and Responsiveness Timely removal of hazardous weeds, brush and rubbish helps to protect the life, property, and quality of life for many residents living within the cities covered by one of the Agreements.
- Goal 3: Integrated Services Delivery These Agreements, which combine the Cities' statutory authority with ACWM's experience and capability, prove extremely effective at abating nuisances posed by hazardous vegetation and illegal dumping.

FISCAL IMPACT/FINANCING

Services provided by the ACWM are 100% recoverable through property tax assessments, liens and direct billings.

The County will be reimbursed for its expenditures at rates developed and adjusted annually by the ACWM and reviewed by the Auditor-Controller pursuant to statutory limitations.

FACTS AND PROVISIONS/LEGAL REQUIREMENTS

The terms of the Agreement shall be for a period of five (5) years from July 1, 2016, through June 30, 2021.

Your Board has approved similar Agreements for many years.

These Agreements have been reviewed by County Counsel and are approved as to form.

IMPACT ON CURRENT SERVICES (OR PROJECTS)

Not applicable.

CONCLUSION

Three (3) copies of the Agreements are being submitted to your Board for signature. When approved, ACWM requires two (2) signed copies of each Agreement.

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Respectfully submitted,

KURT E. FLOREN

Agricultural Commissioner, Director of Weights and Measures

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Enclosures

c: Chief Executive Officer County Counsel Executive Officer, Board of Supervisors

WEED ABATEMENT SERVICE

<u>AGREEMENT</u>

THIS AGREEMENT, dated upon execution by both parties is made by and between the County of Los Angeles, hereinafter referred to as "County," and the <u>CITY OF LA VERNE</u>, hereinafter referred to as "City."

RECITALS:

- (a) The City is desirous of contracting with the County for the performance of weed abatement functions within its boundaries on both unimproved and designated improved properties by the County of Los Angeles, acting through its Agricultural Commissioner/Director of Weights and Measures.
- (b) The County is agreeable to rendering such weed abatement services on the terms and conditions hereinafter set forth.
- (c) Such contracts are authorized and provided for by the provisions of Section 56 ½ of the Charter of the County of Los Angeles and California Government Code (Government Code) section 51301.

THEREFORE, THE PARTIES AGREE AS FOLLOWS:

1. The County agrees, through the Agricultural Commissioner/Director of Weights and Measures, to provide weed abatement services within the corporate limits of the City in accordance with the provisions of Government Code sections 39560 through 39588.

Such services shall encompass the weed abatement duties and functions of the type coming within the jurisdiction of, and customarily rendered by, the Agricultural Commissioner/Weights and Measures Department of the County of Los Angeles under the Charter of County and the statutes of the State of California.

The level of service shall be the same basic level of weed abatement service that is currently, and shall be hereinafter during the term of this agreement, provided for in the

unincorporated areas of the County of Los Angeles by said Agricultural Commissioner/Director of Weights and Measures.

The County shall have the discretion to terminate services on parcels in tax default.

The rendition of such services, the standard of performance, and other matters incidental to the performance of such services, and the control of personnel so employed shall remain at the discretion of the County.

The standard for hazardous vegetation clearance shall be equivalent to that detailed within the Los Angeles County Fire Code, sections 325.2.1 and 325.2.2, and this standard being the same which currently applies in the unincorporated areas of the County of Los Angeles unless some other standard is requested by the City in writing.

- 2. To facilitate the performance of said functions, it is hereby agreed that the County shall have full cooperation and assistance from the City Council and other City officer, agents, and employees.
- 3. For the purpose of performing said functions, County shall furnish and supply all necessary labor, supervision, equipment, and supplies necessary to maintain the level of service to be rendered hereunder.
- 4. No City Employee as such shall be made into, or considered to be, an employee of the County, and no person employed by the County hereunder shall be granted any City pension, civil service, or any status or right.

For the purpose of performing such services and functions, and for the purpose of giving official status to the performance thereof where necessary, every County officer and employee engaged in the performance of any service hereunder shall be deemed to be an officer or employee of said City while performing services for said City, which services are within the scope of this agreement and are purely municipal functions.

5. City shall not be called upon to assume any liability for the direct payment of any salaries, wages, or other compensation to any County personnel performing services hereunder for the County, or any liability other than that provided for in this agreement.

Except as herein otherwise specified, the City shall not be liable for compensation and/or indemnification to any County employee for any injury or sickness arising out of that person's employment.

6. The parties hereto have executed an Assumption of Liability Agreement approved by the Board of Supervisors on December 27, 1977, and/or a Joint Indemnity Agreement approved by the Board of Supervisors on October 8, 1991. Whichever of these documents the City has signed later in time is currently in effect and is hereby made a part of and incorporated into this agreement as if set out in full herein. In the event that the Board of Supervisors later approves a revised Joint Indemnity Agreement and the City executes such a revised agreement, the subsequent agreement as of its effective date shall supersede the agreement previously in effect between the parties hereto.

The City understands and agrees that the fire protection indemnity provided in Government Code sections 850 and 850.2 applies to the County for work pursuant to this agreement.

7. Unless sooner terminated as provided for herein, this agreement shall be effective commencing <u>July 1, 2016</u>, and will continue in effect through <u>June 30, 2021</u>.

Notwithstanding the provisions of this paragraph hereinbefore set forth, the City may terminate this agreement as of the thirty-first day of December of any year upon notice in writing to the County on or before September 30 of the same year. The County may terminate this agreement at any time and for any reason upon thirty (30) days prior written notice to the City.

8. The City, acting through its City Council, will perform the necessary functions required of the legislative body to which is referred in Government Code section 39560 through 39588, as they relate to the execution of this Agreement.

- 9. If the City fails to adopt a resolution declaring that weeds upon parcels of property located within the City to be a public nuisance pursuant to Government Code section 39561, then the County shall have no obligation to carry out its duties under this agreement until such year that the City does adopt such resolution, unless the City's failure occurs in the final year of this agreement, which shall mean the agreement terminates.
- 10. It is the intent of this agreement that the Agricultural Commissioner/Director of Weights and Measures of the County shall constitute the public officer designated by the City Council to perform the duties imposed by Government Code section 39560(a), and that the City Council of said City shall perform the duties of the legislative body as set forth in said section.
- 11. For and in consideration of the rendition of the foregoing services by the County, the City agrees that the costs of abating such weeds shall be assessed in the manner set forth in Government Code sections 39573 to 39585, and that upon collection of such assessments, they will be paid over to the County.
- 12. Each parcel, except tax-exempt parcels, upon which weeds, brush or rubbish are declared to be a public nuisance pursuant to paragraph 8 of this agreement, shall be assessed the current County Board of Supervisors approved inspection fee whether or not the County determines it is necessary to perform abatement work upon the parcel.
- 13. The parties hereto contemplate that the services of the County are limited to abatement of weeds, brush and rubbish, and agree that the County will not perform any other type of service or additional work of any kind.
- 14. This agreement contains the entire agreement between the County and the City for weed abatement services. This agreement may not be modified except by formal amendment executed by the duly authorized representatives of the parties hereto.

15. Notices regarding this agreement shall be addressed as follows:

COUNTY:

Raymond B. Smith

Deputy Director

Los Angeles County Department of Agricultural Commissioner/

Weights and Measures

12300 Lower Azusa Road

Arcadia, California 91006-5872

CITY:

Lupe G. Estrella

Deputy City Clerk

City of La Verne

3660 D Street

La Verne, California 91750

IN WITNESS HEREOF, the <u>CITY OF LA VERNE</u>, by motion duly adopted by its City Council, caused this agreement to be signed by its Mayor and attested by its Clerk, and the County of Los Angeles, by order of its Board of Supervisors, has caused these presents to be subscribed by the Chair of said Board and seal of said Board to be affixed thereto and attested by the Clerk of the Board.

CITY OF LA VERNE

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Mayor

COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES

Chairman, Los Angeles County

ATTEST:

By Thipe Soula Estrella

Deputy City Clerk

Lori Glasgow, Executive Officer-Clerk of the Board of Supervisors

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I hereby certify that pursuant to Section 25103 of the Government Code, delivery of this document has been made

> LORI GLASGOW Executive Officer

Clerk of the Board of Supervisors

Deputy

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APPROVED AS TO FORM

BY NIERIM COUNTY COUNSEL

MARY WICKHAM

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WEED ABATEMENT SERVICE

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<u>SPRINGS</u>, hereinafter referred to as "City."

RECITALS:

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unincorporated areas of the County of Los Angeles by said Agricultural Commissioner/Director of Weights and Measures.

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The standard for hazardous vegetation clearance shall be equivalent to that detailed within the Los Angeles County Fire Code, sections 325.2.1 and 325.2.2, and this standard being the same which currently applies in the unincorporated areas of the County of Los Angeles unless some other standard is requested by the City in writing.

- 2. To facilitate the performance of said functions, it is hereby agreed that the County shall have full cooperation and assistance from the City Council and other City officer, agents, and employees.
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CITY:
City Clerk
City of Santa Fe Springs
11710 E. Telegraph Road
Santa Fe Springs, California 90670

IN WITNESS HEREOF, the <u>CITY OF SANTA FE SPRINGS</u>, by motion duly adopted by its City Council, caused this agreement to be signed by its Mayor and attested by its Clerk, and the County of Los Angeles, by order of its Board of Supervisors, has caused these presents to be subscribed by the Chair of said Board and seal of said Board to be affixed thereto and attested by the Clerk of the Board.

CITY OF SANTA FE SPRINGS

By Mayor Moore

COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES

Chairman, Los Angeles County

ATTEST:

By

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PASADENA, hereinafter referred to as "City."

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CITY:
Desiree Jimenez
Deputy City Clerk
City of South Pasadena
1414 Mission Street

South Pasadena, California 91030

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CITY OF SOUTH PASADENA

Mayor

COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES

Chairman, Los Angeles County

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ATTEST:

By Evelyn J. Znee
City Clerk

Lori Glasgow, Executive Officer-Clerk of the Board of Supervisors

Deputy

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BY NTERIM COUNTY COUNSEL

MARY WICKHAM

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EXECUTIVE OFFICER

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